GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

ABSTRACT

EFS&T Department – Constitution of an Expert Committee to prepare a consolidated report in pursuance of the directions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court dated 19.02.2024 in W.P.(C) No.1164/2023 – Orders – Issued.

ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (Sec.II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.MS.No. 42 Dated: 23-05-2025

Read the following.

1) Interim order dated 19.02.2024 of the Hon'ble Supreme Court in W.P.(C) No.1164 of 2023 in the matter of Shri Ashok Kumar Sharma, IFS (Retd.) Vs UoI and others.
2) Govt.Memo.No.599/Sec.II/2024/2385230, dated 19.07.2024.
3) Order dated 04.03.2025 of the Hon'ble Supreme Court in W.P.(C) No.1164 of 2023 in the matter of Shri Ashok Kumar Sharma, IFS (Retd.) Vs UoI and others.
4) From the PCCF & HoFF, Lr.Rc.No.EFS02-22021/6/2024-WLR-1, dated 15.05.2025.

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ORDER:

In pursuance of the directions issued by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in the order 1st and 3rd read above, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, Andhra Pradesh, in his letter 4th read above, has submitted a proposal for the constitution of an Expert Committee for submission of the report to the High-Level Committee for review, which shall, in turn, forward the same to the Government for consideration.

2. Government, after careful examination of the proposal, hereby constitute an Expert Committee comprising the following members, to submit the report to the High-Level Committee for review.:

1	Additional Chief Commissioner of Land Administration (ACCLA)	Chairman
2	Commissioner of Survey and Land Record.	Member
3	Addl.PCCF/CCF I/c WLR, O/o the PCCF & HoFF, A.P., Mangalagiri.	Member-Convener
4	Commissioner, Tribal Welfare.	Member
5	MD, APSRAC	Member
6	Representative of National Remote Sensing Centre, Hyderabad.	Member
7	Any other member/members co-opted by the Committee as per the need.	Member

3. The Committee shall submit a comprehensive report on the following points within a period of two (2) months from the date of issue of this order.

i. Identify all areas which are "Forest" irrespective of whether they are so notified, recognized or classified under any law, and irrespective of the ownership of land of such forest.
ii. Identify areas which were earlier forest but stand degraded, denuded or cleared land.
iii. Identify areas covered by plantation trees belonging to the Government and those belonging to the private persons.
iv. Any other item in light of the order of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in the W.P.(C) No.1164/2023 in the matter of Shri Ashok Kumar Sharma Vs. Govt. of India.

4. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, Andhra Pradesh, shall take necessary action in the matter accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

G. ANANTHA RAMU
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

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